



## CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE 2016

### Rules & Regulations

**DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:** A two-day display of donated, chocolate creations by both amateur and professional chefs and chocolatiers. Public admission to the event is \$1 for adults and includes a program and a raffle ticket to vote for the People's Choice Award. The Chocolate Challenge is sponsored by the George Mason University Department of Nutrition and Food Studies.

All chocolate challenge entries become the property of the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee upon submission. **Entrants may opt to retain ownership of their sculpture/artistic creation by checking the appropriate box on the application form.** Donated creations will be open for bidding through a silent auction between 10:00 am Saturday, February 6 and 2:00 pm Sunday, February 7. The silent auction will also be accompanied by a raffle for the People's Choice Award. Proceeds will go to the Department of Nutrition and Food Studies at George Mason University and a portion of the proceeds from the silent auction will go directly to the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee, a not-for-profit organization, to benefit a local not-for-profit organization.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- Entries delivered - Friday, February 5 between 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Saturday, February 6 between 7:00 am – 8:30 am
- Judging – Saturday, February 6 -- 9:00 am – 10:00 am
- Public Viewing – Saturday, February 6 -- 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday, February 7 -- 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**LOCATION OF EVENT:** DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FOOD STUDIES CLASSROOM KITCHEN (FORMER METROSILVER DINER) corner of North Street and University Drive, City of Fairfax, VA 22030

**JUDGING/AWARD CEREMONY:** Judging will take place on Saturday, February 6 between 9:00 am and 10:00 am, followed by the cake and sculpture category awards announcement. The "People's Choice Award" will be announced at 2:00 pm on Sunday. Award Categories include:

- Cake Awards ..... Best for Amateur (separate child and adult categories) and for Professional Divisions
- Sculpture/Artistic Creation Awards ..... Best in Show, Judges Merit for Creativity
- Overall ..... People's Choice Award
- "Best Judged" entries will receive a blue ribbon and award certificate.
- Both professional and amateur chefs (children and adults), caterers, and chocolatiers are welcome to participate.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Application submission deadline is February 3, 2016. Preference will be given to the first 25 confirmed and paid entries as space is limited. All entries must be completely edible, made predominantly of chocolate, and be no larger than 2' X 2' square. Cake entries must also be accompanied by a tasting cake for the judging. Entries can be any family-friendly design that captivates the eye and is suitable for a 2-day display. Creators must be able to transport their creation to the GMU Department of Nutrition and Food Studies Kitchen either on Friday, February 6 or Saturday, February 7 (see above for exact times).

A program will be available to the public using the information on the application. Competitors will be permitted to display a stack of business cards on People's Choice voting table. Each entry will be furnished an exhibit card with the name of the entrant, establishment (if applicable), and the name of the entry.

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